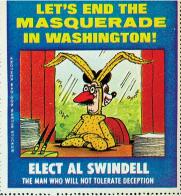


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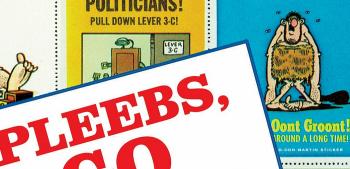








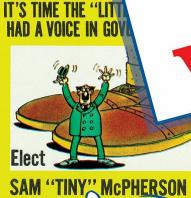




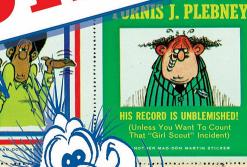




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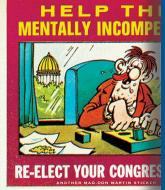






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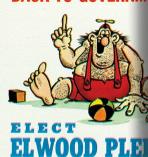






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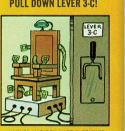


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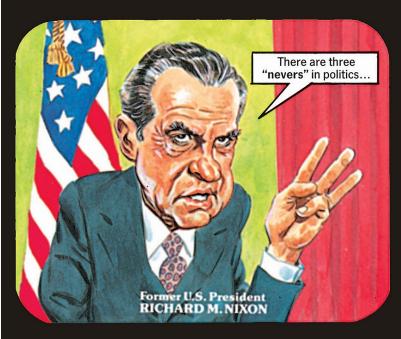
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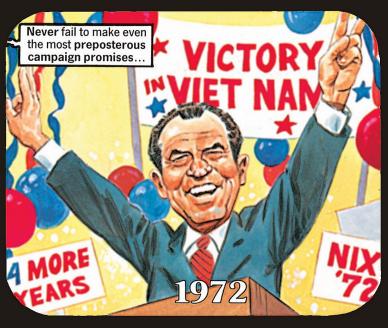
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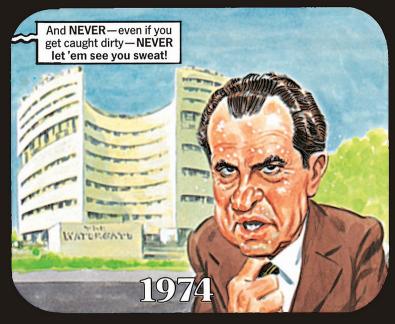
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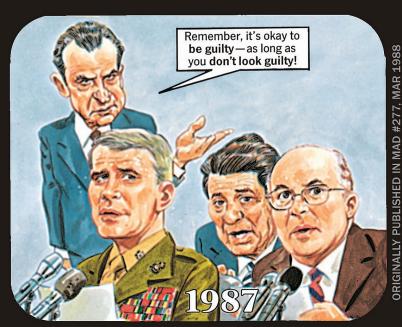


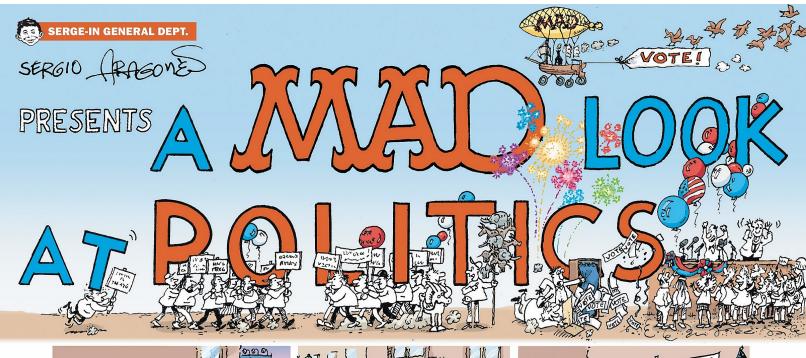
























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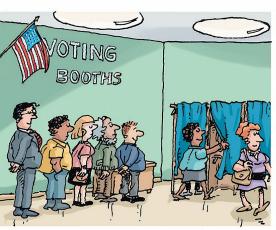


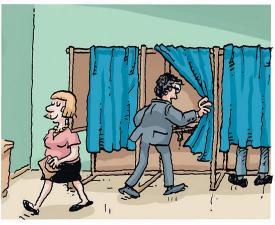




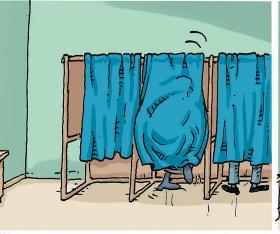






















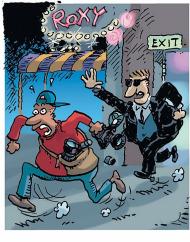
























































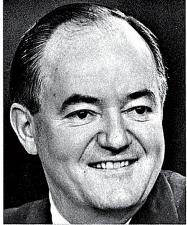
**SENATOR EUGENE McCARTHY** 



**PRESIDENT** LYNDON B. JOHNSON



**GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN** 



**VICE-PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY** 





#### PIECE CANDIDATE DEPT.

In November, America will choose between the candidates of the two major political parties, and one of them will become President of the United States. But what about the other fine men who have vied for their Party's choice at recent National Conventions? And what about the other great men who weren't even in the running? If only we could take the best qualities of each and forge them into one ideal Presidential Candidate! If we could, we'd come up with:



# **MAGAZINE'S** IDEAL **PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE**

Conceived by Lou Silverstone Researched by Max Brandel

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**GOVERNOR** MARK HATFIELD



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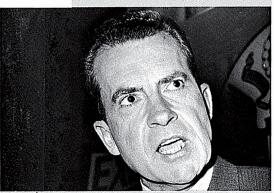
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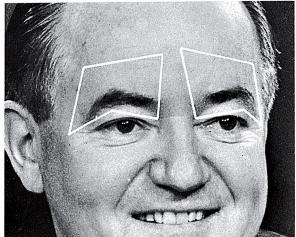
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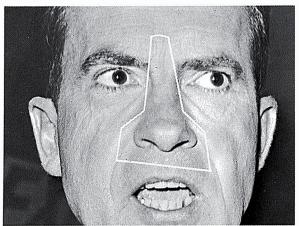
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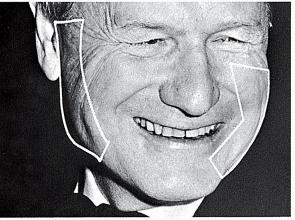
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THE "ALWAYS-LOSES-BY-A-NOSE" NOSE OF Richard M. Nixon



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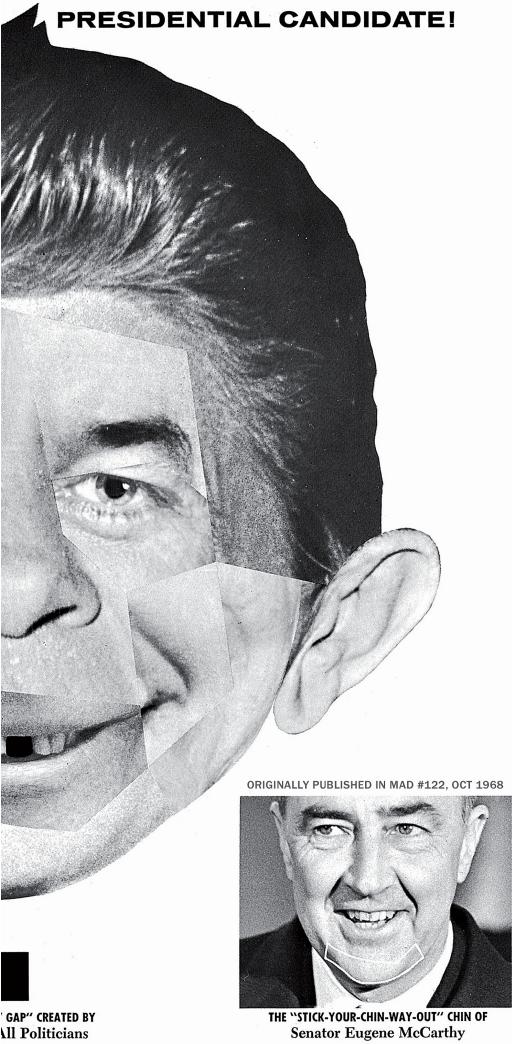


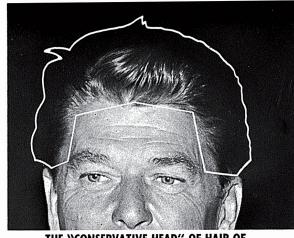
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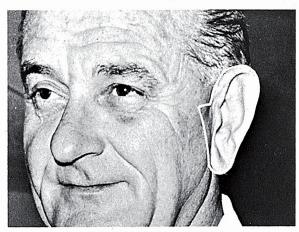




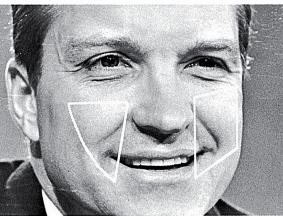
THE "CONSERVATIVE HEAD" OF HAIR OF Governor Ronald Reagan



THE "EYES-ON-THE-WHITE-HOUSE" EYES OF Governor Mark Hatfield



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THE "SMILING LINES" SMILE-LINES OF ... Senator Charles H. Percy













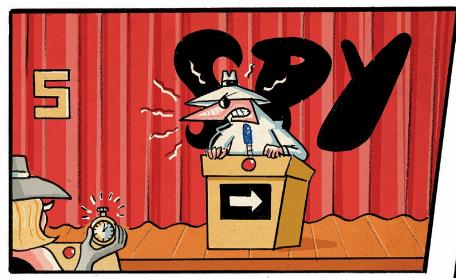








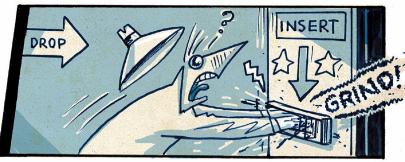








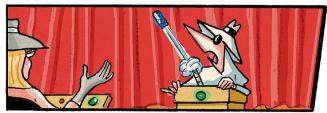


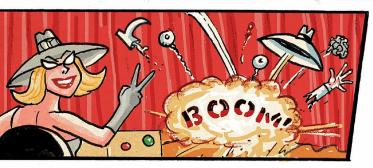




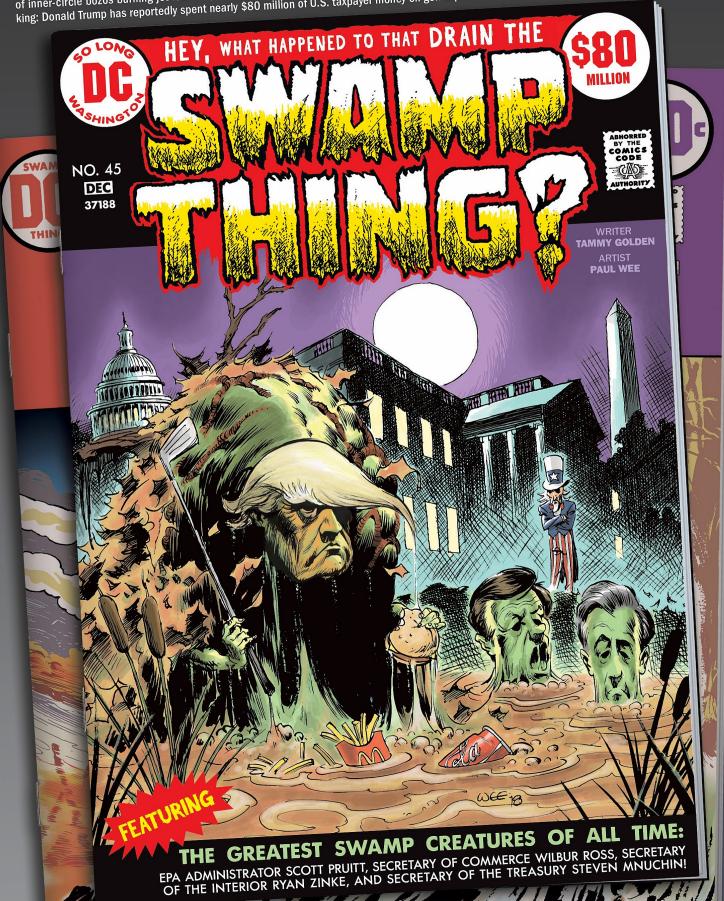


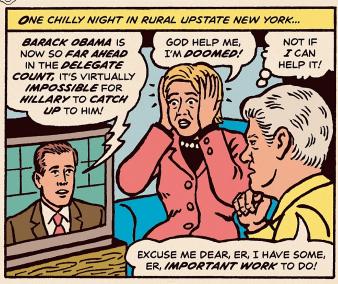






An EPA chief who denies climate change? Check! A frack-happy Secretary of the Interior who loves big-game trophy hunting? Check and check! A gaggle An Er A office who defines change: check: A flack happy Secretary of the Interior who loves big game trophy numbers. One of them can hold a candle to the of inner-circle bozos burning jet fuel for personal jaunts? We hear Moscow is beautiful this time of year! And yet none of them can hold a candle to the king: Donald Trump has reportedly spent nearly \$80 million of U.S. taxpayer money on golf trips since taking office. Which has us thinking...

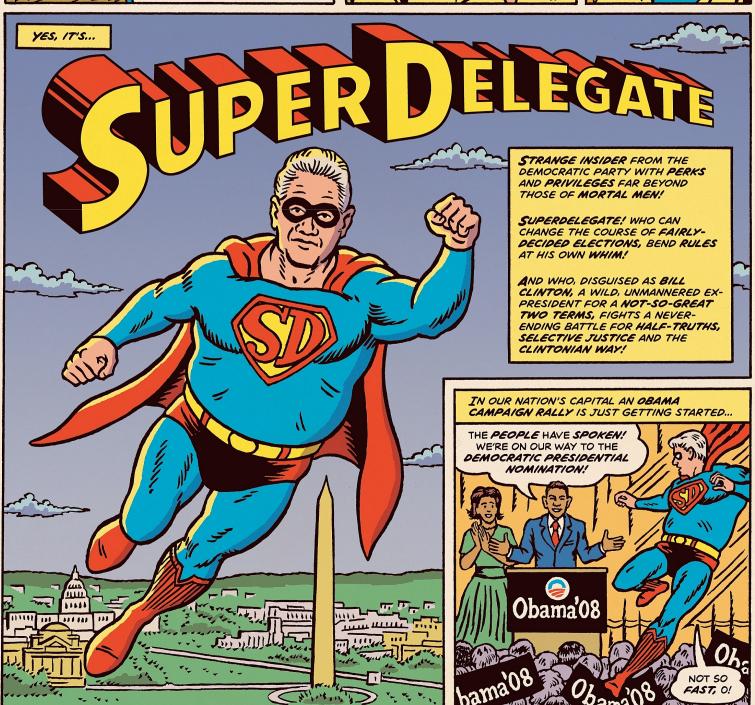






AND SO, IN THE SOLITUDE OF HIS PRIVATE STUDY...

THAT FIEND OBAMA MUST BE STOPPED! THIS IS A JOB FOR... SUPERDELEGATE!















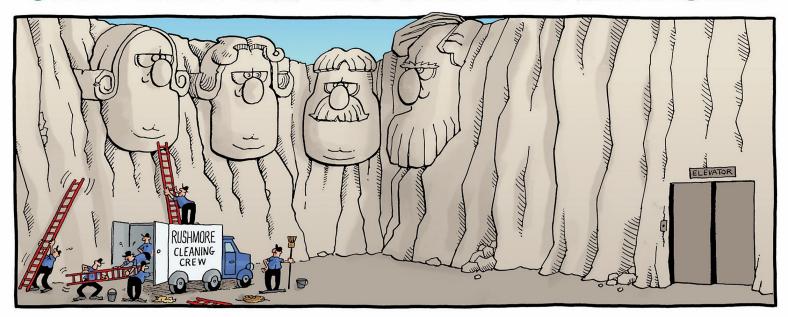








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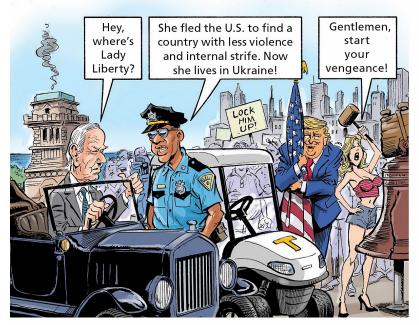
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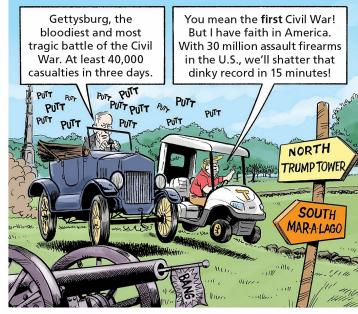


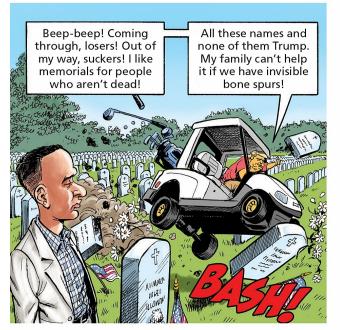


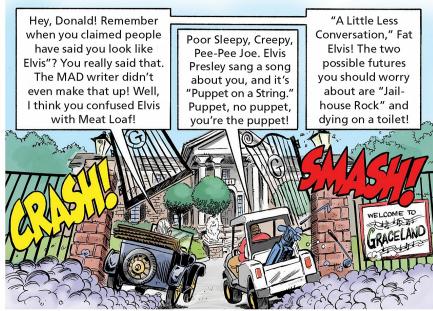


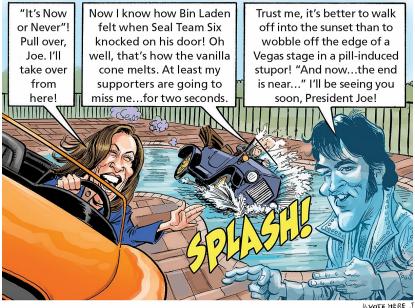


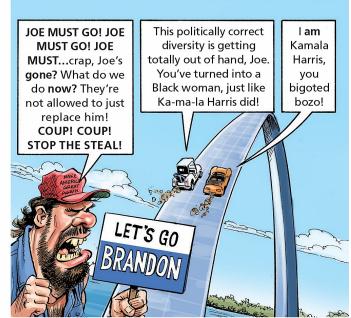


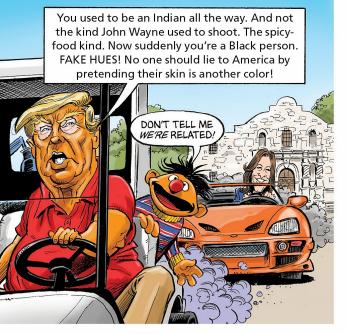


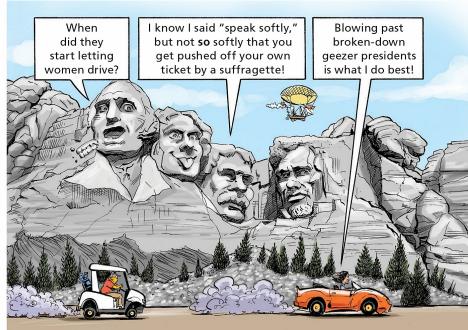


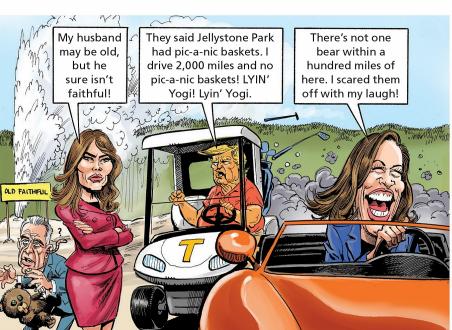






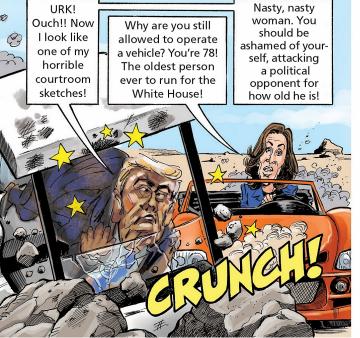


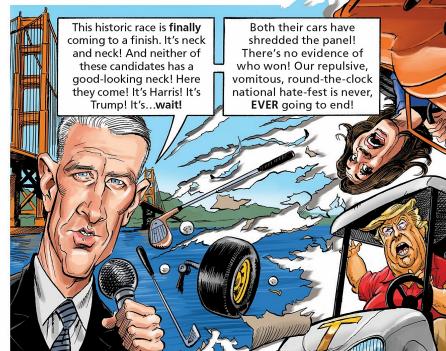






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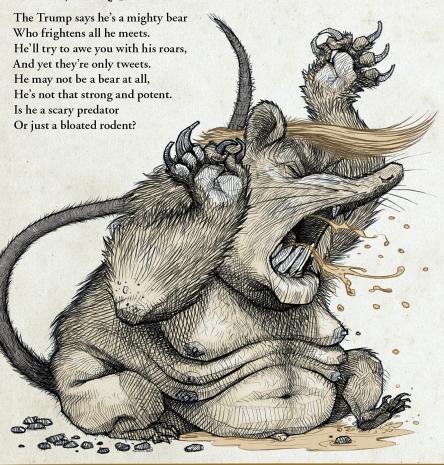
In Washington, the fat cats act
Like greedy pigs and hogs.
They gobble up your taxes while
The world goes to the dogs.
But now some new beasts have arrived
And they're a lot more scary.
To show them to you, MAD presents...

# THE GREAT TRUMP BESTIARY

WRITER DAVID SEIDMAN

ARTIST LEONARDO RODRIGUEZ

#### THE TRUMP



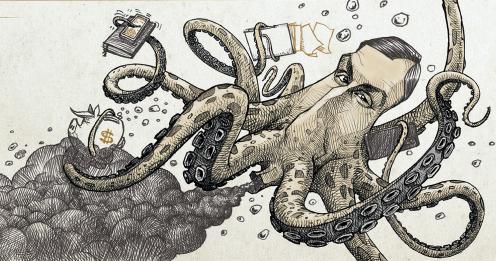
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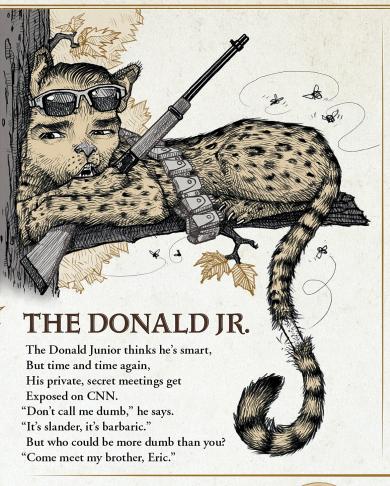
The beautiful Ivanka flies
Above the world with grace,
And when the world looks up to her,
She poops right in its face.
And yet the Trump won't scold the girl
Or look at her askance.
He'll never risk his hope and dream:

He'll never risk his hope and dream: To get inside her pants.

#### THE KUSHNER

"I love this beast," the Trump declares.
"I'll give him lots to do.
I'll give him half the world and then
Toss in my daughter, too.
He's just a dumb, entitled brat,
Inept as he can be.
So why do I adore him so?
Because he's just like me!"







#### THE PENCE

The pious Pence says, "God demands That women's rights be few.
But God's no sexist; he believes
Gay men should suffer, too."
The Pence means everything he says,
But some have asked, "Does he
Spell God's name J-E-S-U-S
Or T-R-U-M-P?"

THE STAMPEDE

The Trump has lost a herd of beasts
That he once called his own,
Like Christie, Comey, Haley, Flynn,
Hope Hicks and Gary Cohn.
Their critics say, "Ya shoulda known
The Trump was gonna con ya."
Who's going next? Though no one's sure,
Our money's on Melania.

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Finally, the U.S. has started reining in those crazy women's rights! All that bodily autonomy stuff has gotten out of hand, with an alarming number of females under the misconception that they have power over conception! Now that there's talk of state-run agencies monitoring pregnancies to ensure laws are obeyed, we asked religious conservatives for...

# MORE HEIPFUL WAYS THE COVERNMENT CAN TRACK WOMEN'S LIVES!

WRITER & ARTIST TERESA BURNS PARKHURST

#### RANDOM WEIGH STATIONS

Maintaining a healthy weight is crucial to childbearing, raising children, and most importantly, pleasing one's husband. So it's pop-up scale time for the gals.



burger

#### ROUTINE NIGHTSTAND SCANS

Nothing messes with the delicate female psyche quite like thought-provoking literature. So a team of Certified Appropriate Reading Specialists are necessary to keep the girls godly.

Well, we don't need you becoming like Michelle Obama, so this one goes in the bonfire. And you shouldn't be filling your head with this rambling gibberish.



#### MENSTRUATION MANAGEMENT

Another safeguard for the sanctity of procreation: a Feminine Hygiene Registry for reproductive-age women.

Hmm...Miss, um, Kolpasky, it looks like you ran out of Fresh Nite Max-Absorbency Pads several months ago. We'll be notifying the proper authorities.



#### APPAREL INSPECTIONS

Modest clothing is a must for a society that upholds traditional family values.

Yes, you were obeying the speed limit. But do you realize how exposed your shoulders are?!



#### INSUBORDINATION TIP LINE

This service provides a safe way for citizens to report any wifely violations.

So you witnessed your neighbor, Mrs. Cavenaugh, speaking in an unpleasant tone to Mr. Cavenaugh? And she once suggested her family dine on *cereal*? She'll be fined accordingly—thank you for your patriotism.



## HOUSEKEEPING CHECKS

We all know what cleanliness is next to—and we know whose job it is to keep it that way.

We brought you in because our surveillance footage shows areas of crud on your bathroom faucet.





Back in issue #398, some bleeding heart writer hijacked the pages of MAD for the purpose of exposing the hypocrisy of so-called Compassionate Conservatives. As a result, we were inundated with letters of complaint, both of which pointed out that, hey, there's just as much, if not more, hypocrisy in certain species of the political left, such as the famous (even infamous) Hollywood Liberal! So, in the interests of equal time, we hereby present...

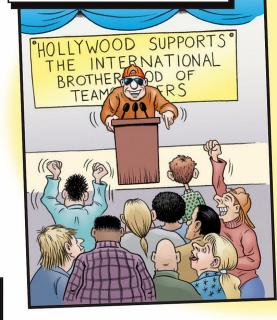
# WHAT IS A JUNCOQ

A Hollywood Liberal is so outraged at the way big business and the wealthy throw money at Republican politicians...

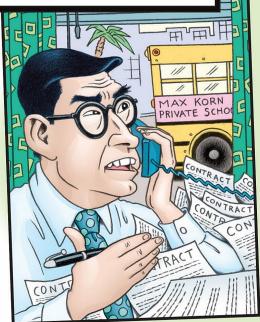




...that they can't stop fuming about it during their bi-monthly \$25,000-a-plate fundraisers at Barbra Streisand's to benefit Democratic candidates! A Hollywood Liberal is a staunch supporter of organized labor, who will do everything possible to help out the unions...



A Hollywood Liberal is against the school voucher system, which would result in millions of kids deserting the public Schools...

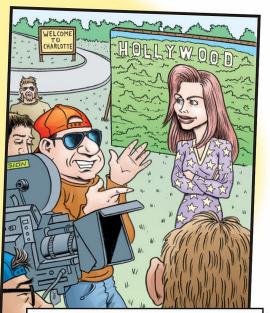


...leaving hardly anyone dumb enough to sit through all their illiterate, moronic crap movies! A Hollywood Liberal pins all of the blame for Columbine-like massacres on the NRA...



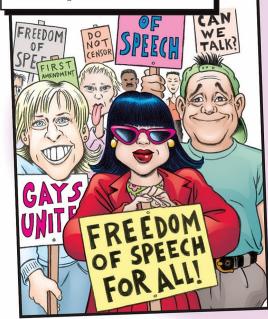
# WRITER MIKE SNIDER ARTIST RICK TULKA





...right after he gets back from making his latest movie in a nonunion state like North Carolina or Arizona, with scab film crews who undercut their L.A. counterparts by 50% or more!

A Hollywood Liberal believes in the First Amendment right of Free Speech for all...





...except Dr. Laura Schlessinger!



...but none of the blame on the bloody, ultra-violent flicks that he and his buddies crank out!

A Hollywood Liberal rails stridently in favor of letting women have control over their bodies...



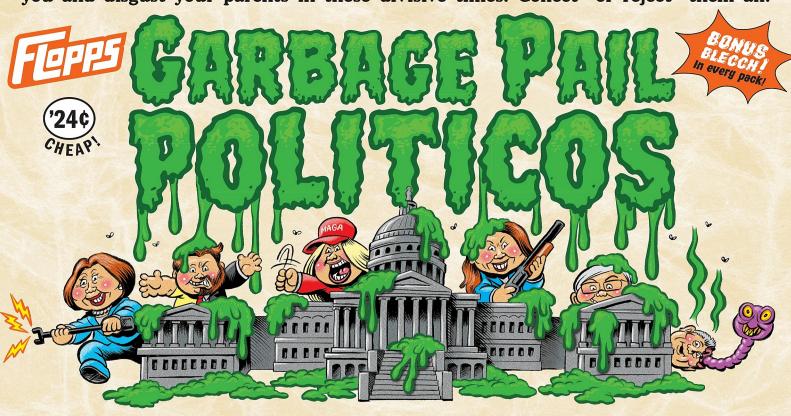
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...except when they're pressuring actresses into getting boob jobs, face lifts and tummy tucks if they want the part.

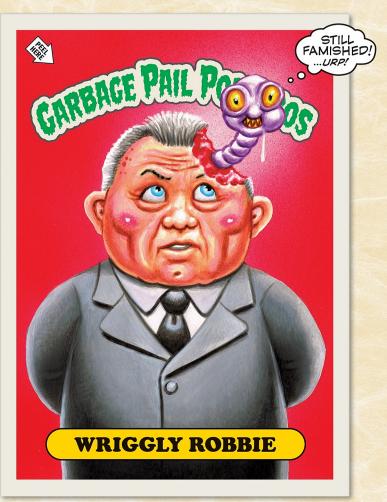


Hey, kids! Stick it to the wonkiest of today's political wonks with these sticker trading cards. From the trash-talkers to the head-scratchers, these characters are sure to delight you and disgust your parents in these divisive times. Collect—or reject—them all!

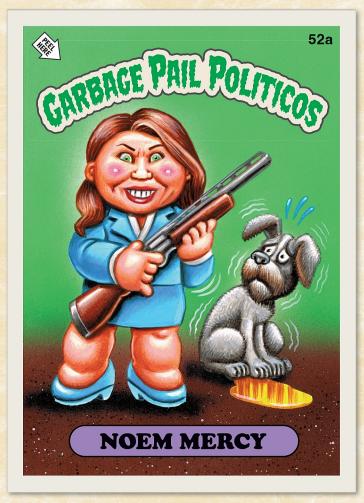


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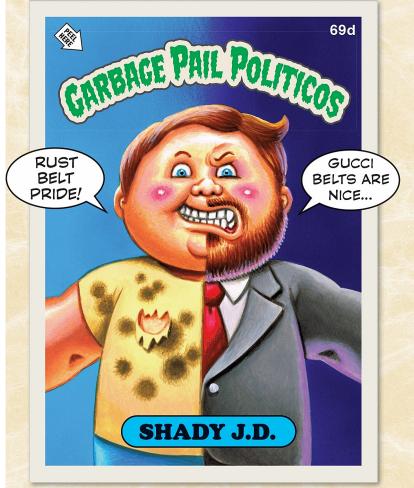
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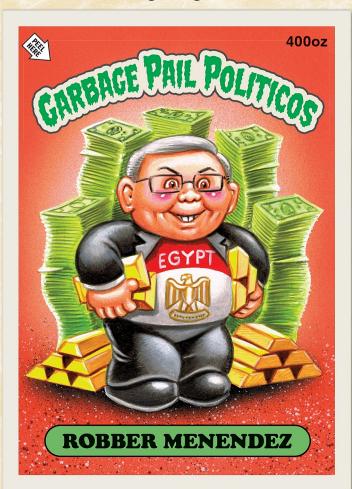
Adding this parasitic independent to your collection is a no-brainer!



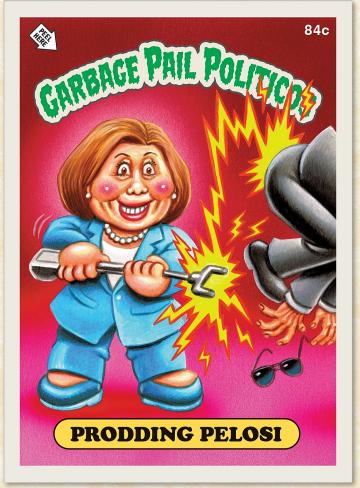
You'll trade this gun-happy governor faster than she puts down pups!



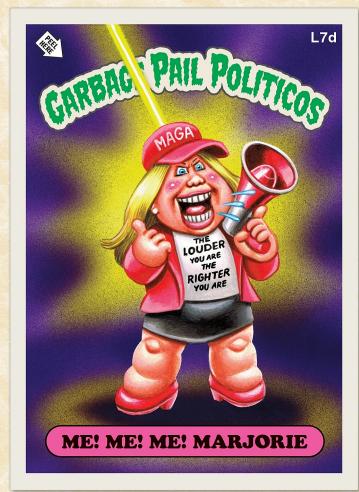
Scoring this two-faced "shillbilly" turned VP wannabe is like getting two cards in one!



This corrupt senator's card is worth its weight in gold!



Swap this dominant Dem with friends—just like she swapped out their candidate!



This GOP rep is quite the rare find... yet somehow isn't valuable!

#### ADVENT-AGEOUS GIFTS FROM PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDERS

In 2020 the Democratic party gave us an absurd number of presidential hopefuls (27!). While some dropped faster than Trump's approval rating, other candidates continue to battle it out. But in the spirit of the holiday season, these competitors are banding together to offer up the gifts they feel America needs most. Count down to being closer to 2020 (and the primary) with this special...

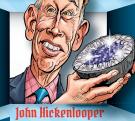


Richard Ojeda

WRITER AMANDA STELLBER

Eric Swalwell

Steve Bullock



He wants you to have this cool rock he found. Don't remember him? Then he wants his fracking gift back!



Joe Sestak



**Seth Moulton** 

Michael Bennet

Bill de Blasio 🤜

A supporter of universal pre-K, he wants you to get creative! Use finger paints to draw a dinosaur! And a rocket! And write in his name on Election Day!

**Wayne Messam** 

John Delaney

Kirsten Gillibrand

The New York senator presents gold and myrrh, but no way is she

bringing Al Frankincense.

Julián Castro

Tim Ryan

Cory Booker He has big domestic economic policies lined up, but if they fall through, at least you can remodel your mom's basement with this gift card.

Tom Steyer



**Marianne Williamson** With this smudge stick, the spiritual guru wants to rid you of negative energy and Republicans.

Andrew Yang



Amy Klobuchar The Minnesota senator promises to combat rising drug prices. She has good points for America, and now you'll have points to redeem on gummy vitamins.



Beto O'Rourke Beto is gifting his old punk shoes as he tries to fill some bigger ones.

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Kamala Harris The Ghost of Criminal Sentencings Past may haunt the former California attorney general, but it's Christmas! You get a pass!



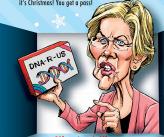
Tulsi Gabbard



Joe Biden Our former VP has been busy overcoming some ticklish PR episodes, so he didn't have time to buy a real gift...



Bernie Sanders Throwback Thursday! Remember when the Sandman was the radical, cool Democratic outlier just a couple years ago? He sure hopes you do!



Elizabeth Warren These DNA kits don't test for tribal membership, but did you know they can reveal a gluten allergy?

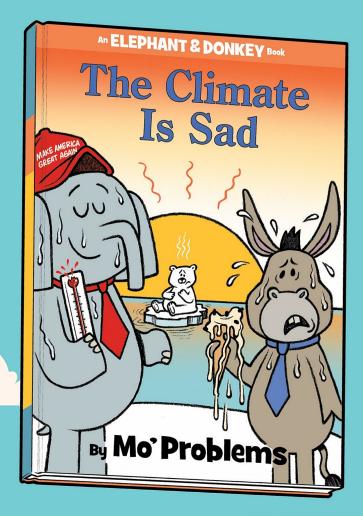


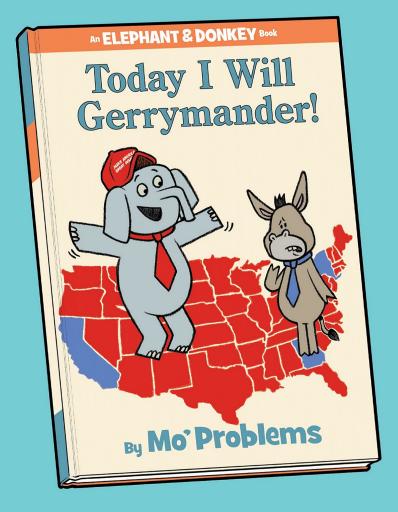
Hard to believe just mere months ago he was saying, "Alfred E. Who, Man?" because now he's a fan!

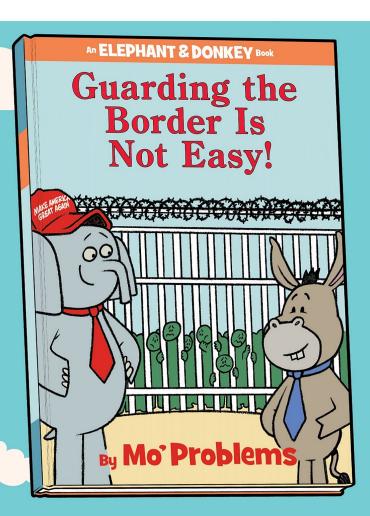


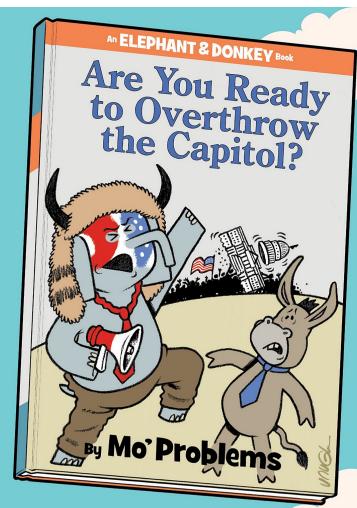
The political divide in the U.S. has grown wider than ever. In contentious times like these, we look to our nation's children and ask...why aren't they as pissed off as the rest of us?? Well, now we can drag our kids into the discourse with the help of America's most partisan pair.

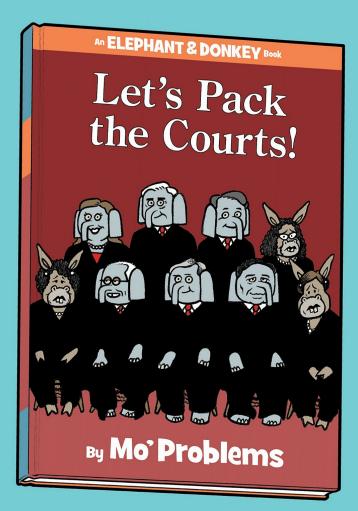
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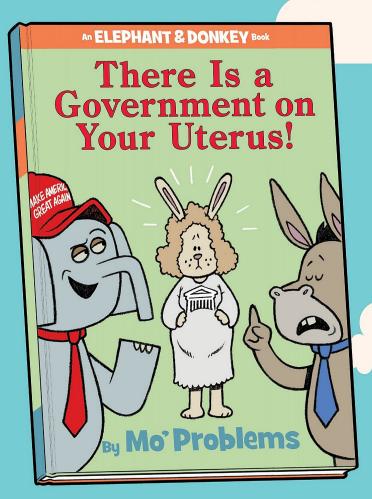






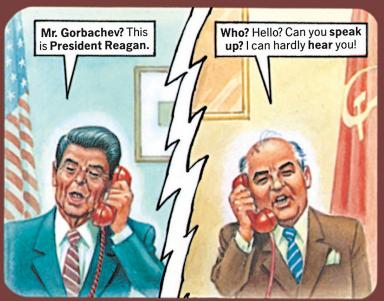




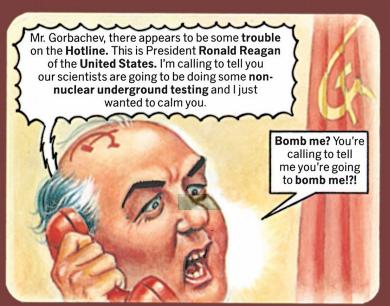


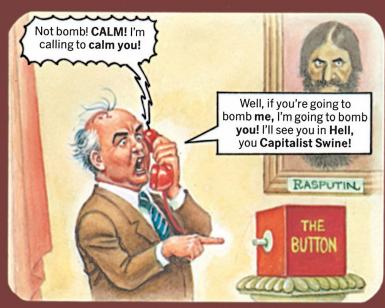
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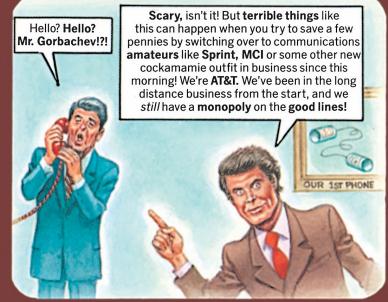
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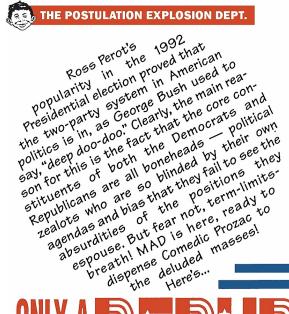








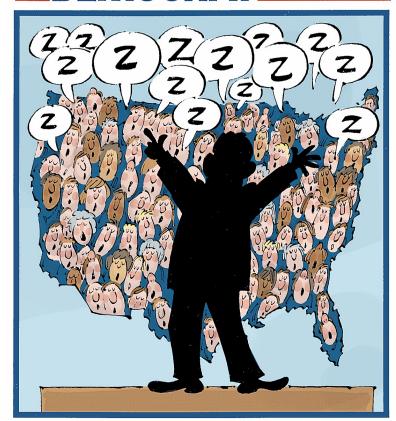






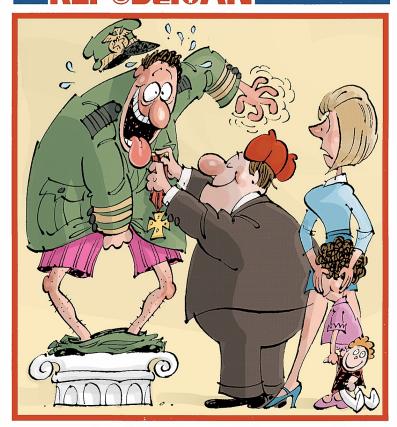
# ONLY A REPUBLIEVE... ONLY A REPUBLIEVE... COULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE... COULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE...

### ONLY A DELIEVE...



...that our country's inspirational needs would be best served by the mesmerizing oratorial wizardry of Michael Dukakis, Walter Mondale or Paul Tsongas.

## ONLY A REPORT OF LANDING COULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE...



...gays in the military are more morally unacceptable than Tailhooking, sexually-harassing, misogynistic, give-'em-a promotion-instead-of-the-dishonorable-discharge-they-so-obvious-ly-deserve heterosexuals in the military.

#### ONLY A REPUBLE CAN COULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE...



...that any budget, plan or social program that the Democrats come up with could be any more far-fetched, wrongminded and/or expensive than "Star Wars" was.

## ONLY A DEVICE RATCOULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE...

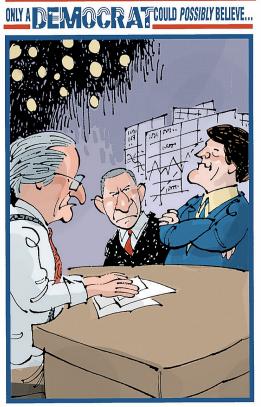


...that "inept-but-well-meaning" is somehow preferable to "devious-butgood-at-it."

OHLY A REPUBLE GAM COULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE...

...towering tax cuts as an incentive for huge multi-billion dollar corporations — yes! 25-cent increase in the minimum wage — hell no!

#### NLY A 🎅 🖃 🕽 📭 🐶 🗚 🗚 COULD *Possibly* believe...



...winning a Larry King debate against ranting, billionaire mega-loon Ross Perot is somehow a big achievement.



...that abstinence is the single and only acceptable response when it comes to sex, but not when it comes to guns, alcohol or tobacco.

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...the nation is just dying to see how a President can handle those really tough questions from those issue-obsessed MTV audiences.

#### ONLY A DELL'EVE...



...unwanted fetuses — no! Spotted owls — hell, yes!

#### ONLY A REPUBL. CAN COULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE...



...the best way to support family values is by pathologically vetoing every family leave/child care bill that wanders in their sight.

#### ONLY A DELLEVE...



...Bob Packwood: Evil, leering, sexharassing fiend should be drummed out of office! Ted Kennedy: Uhhmm...

#### ONLY A DELLY OCRATICOULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE...



...allowing prayers in school might result in adverse peer pressure for those who don't participate...but allowing condoms in school won't.

#### NLY A REPOSIBLY BELIEVE.



...That "Hillary Clinton has no business formulating policy — we didn't elect her!" as if we had any say about Ed Meese, John Sununu, Don Regan or Nancy Reagan's astrologer.

#### INLY A REPUBLIE CAN COULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE...



...that with all the pork-barrel infested backroom sweetheart deals, \$600 hammers and fumbling, crumbling S&Ls, it's the \$100-a-month welfare checks that are going to crush the country.





As if being inundated by news articles, TV ads, and your own anxiety-fueled nightmares about the election weren't enough, you fi

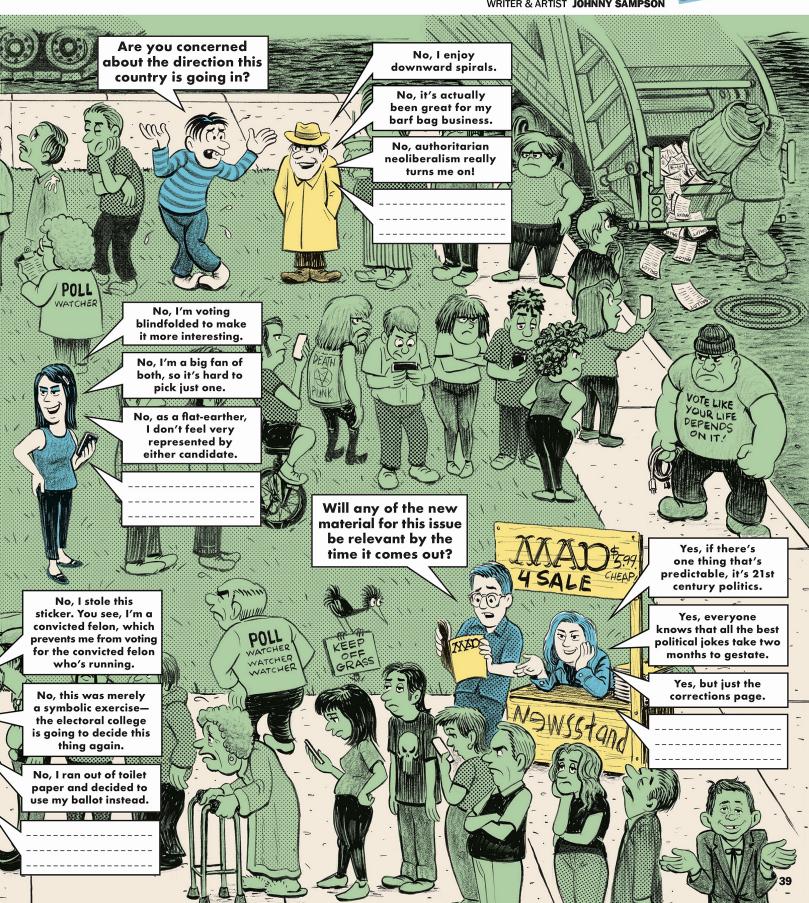
## MAD'S SNAPPY ANSWERS



nd yourself having to engage in inane chitchat about it when you leave the house. Well, don't worry, we've got you covered with...

## TO STUPID QUESTIONS









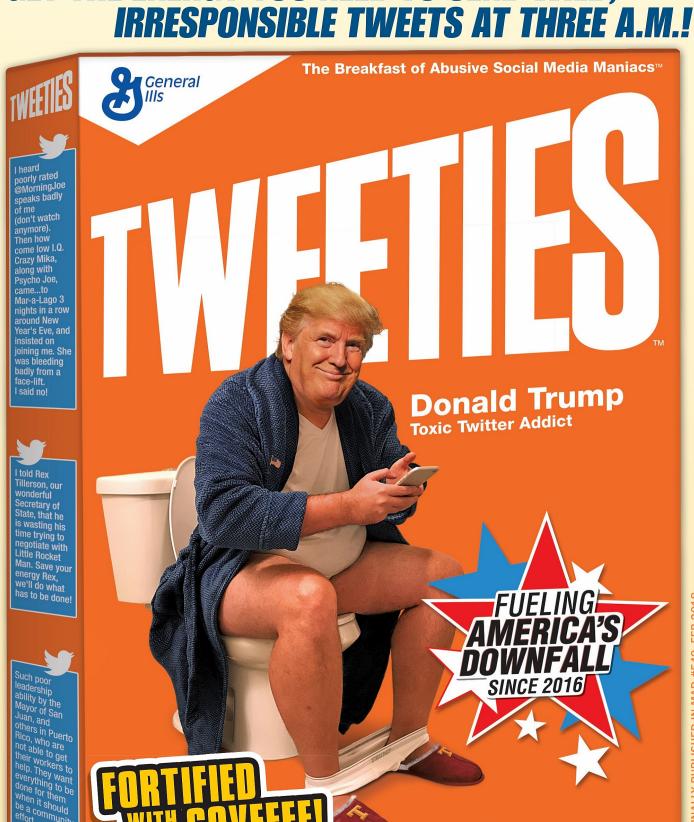


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TRUMP ARTIST MIKE LOEW

TRUMP ON TWITTER When Twitter started in 2006, its creators admitted that they weren't exactly sure how it would be used. Sadly, now we know. It turns out that Twitter is the perfect weapon of mass distraction for President Trump to spill his misinformed, inflammatory, misguided, false and flat-out dangerous rantings. Apparently, Trump's favorite time to tweet is during one of his Presidential dumps. Ahh—take a deep breath: you can almost smell the stench as you read each 140-character expulsion of verbal diarrhea. How does our Tweeter-in-Chief do it day after day? Perhaps the answer can be found in his choice of breakfast food.

## GET THE ENERGY YOU NEED TO SEND WILD,

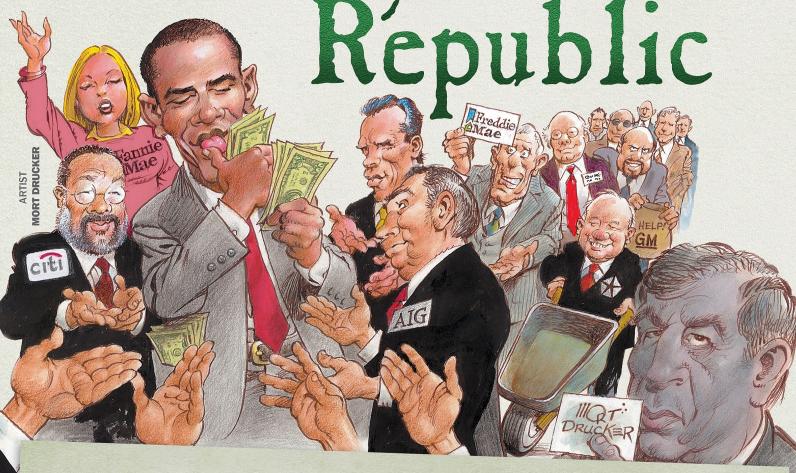


There's been a lot in the news lately about the U.S. government bailout of the nation's financial system. At least that's what we hear...the economy's so bad we had to sell our TV. And these days, who can afford to buy a newspaper? If you're in the same sinking boat as we are, now's your chance to catch up on the story with...

# The Bailout Hymn of the

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encourage introduction of



Our eyes have seen the sorrow
of a nation going bust,
Filled with bankers and politicos
that none of us can trust,
Not to mention Wall Street profiteers
who fill us with disgust —
Our hopes and dreams are gone!

Lordy, lordy, how they blunder! Major banks now going under! Years of savings torn asunder— Our hopes and dreams are gone!





We're now burdened with a stimulus that doesn't stimulate, Full of all the pork and earmarks that Pelosi could create; If that's "change we can believe in," then it's time to emigrate — Once more they've led us on!

Bailout billions they are spending! Down and down we are descending! Don't expect a happy ending — Once more they've led us on!

See the Big Three automakers begging Congress on their knees, "All we need is 15 billion won't you help us, pretty please?" They fly high in private jets but can't outsell the Japanese — Their screw-ups still go on!

Jesus Chrysler, though they're sweating, Tens of billions they'll be netting! They'll be back again, we're betting! Their screw-ups still go on!

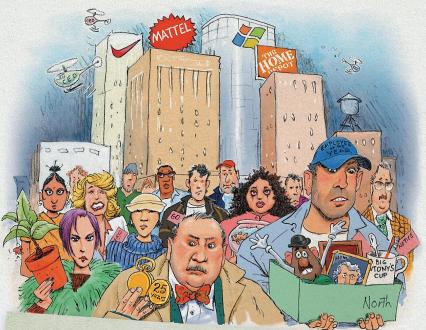




Fanny Mae and Freddy Mac allowed the sub-prime loans to tank, Which brought on the home foreclosures when the housing market sank; If you want to play the blame game, give a nod to Barney Frank — The madness still goes on!

Daily, daily, repossession! More like legalized oppression! Surely heading for depression! The madness still goes on!





We've beheld the massive layoffs at Alcoa and Mattel, At Home Depot, Nike, Target, (gulp!) at Microsoft as well; Will your ass soon join the masses of discarded personnel? The glory years are gone!

State by state, our woes are spreadin'—
Day by day we're surely headin'
Down the road to Armageddon—
The glory years are gone!

With Obama in the White House
we can sit back and relax,
Though he's tried to push through nominees
who've cheated on their tax,
And his spending spree's enormous
and will stretch us to the max,
We all must cheer him on!

Glory, glory, idolize him!
Praise his name and lionize him!
Shame on all who satirize him –
We all must cheer him on!





What, us worry? Yes, we do because our future's far from clear;
Though we used to publish monthly, now it's just four times a year;
Hey, Obama, use your clout and send some bailout money here —
Somehow we'll stumble on!

Hurry, hurry, please don't blow it! Send a billion and we'll owe it! Sure, it's pork, but who's to know it? Somehow we'll stumble on!

#### **ELECTION DAY.**

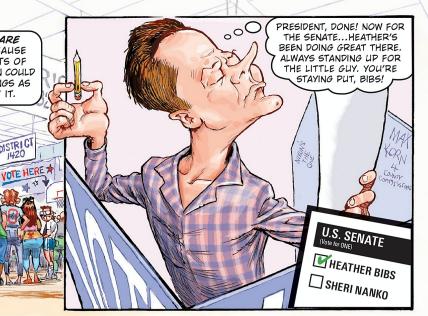
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AND, BRETT, I'M ALWAYS TELLING MY STUDENTS THAT WE CAN'T BE LIKE, "MY VOTE DOESN'T MATTER," OR "I CAN'T BE BOTHERED."

YOU CAN'T MAKE PEOPLE CARE, JAY.

THEY'LL CARE LATER, BECAUSE THE RESULTS OF THIS ELECTION COULD CHANGE THINGS AS WE KNOW IT.

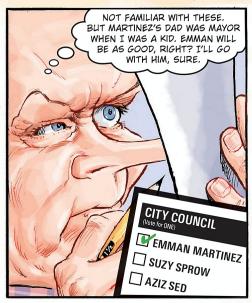
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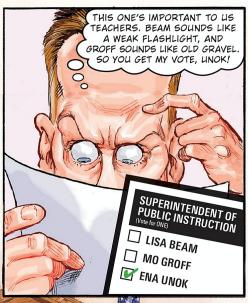
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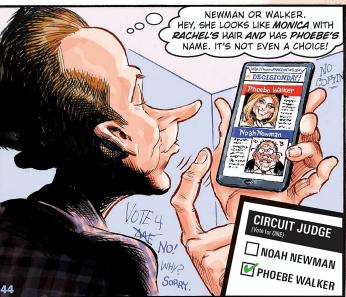
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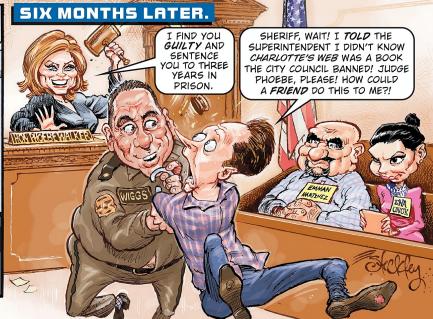
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Digging Up A SCANDAL



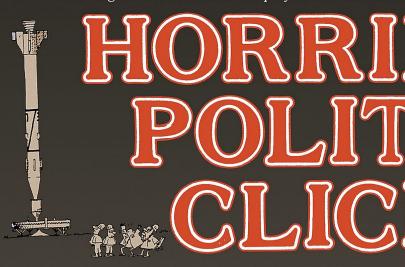
**Twisting A FACT** 



Reviving An OLD ISSUE

#### ELECTION FRIGHT RETURNS DEPT.

It's been countless years of tortured, sleepless nights since we last played our ghoulish game! You might remember how it's played: we take a





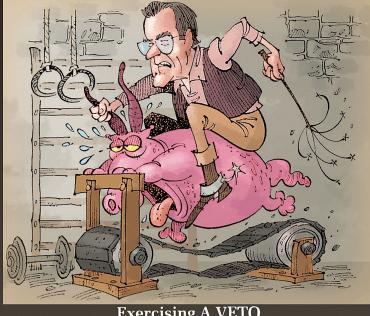
Ducking A QUESTION



Hanging On To A SLIM LEAD

familiar phrase or expression, and interpret it our own, twisted way to create a fiendish monster! So, when better to play than election year? Here's

WRITER FRANK JACOBS ARTIST PAUL COKER COLORIST CARL PETERSON



**Exercising A VETO** 



**Hammering Out A COMPROMISE** 



**Toasting A VICTORY** 



**Breaking A PLEDGE** 



Launching A CAMPAIGN



Hello, I'm Ty Pennington and welcome to a special edition of Extreme Makeover — where politicians are given the chance to completely remake their entire image! Just look at these amazing REAL quotes! Candidates ready?

MOVE! THAT! POSITION! It's...

#### **BEFORE**

I don't think it's in the best interests of our troops or our country (to withdraw troops from Iraq). 2006 Take Back America Conference

**BEFORE** 

If we have actionable intelligence about high-value terrorist targets and President Musharraf won't act, we will.

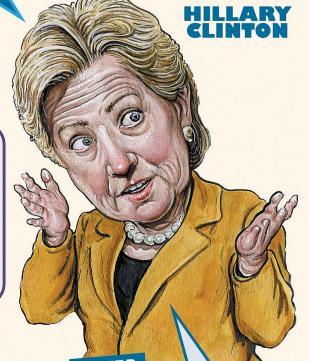
August 1, 2007

BARACK OBAMA



I did not say that we would immediately go in unilaterally. What I said was that we have to work with Musharraf.

August 7, 2007



BEFORE

One of the things we ought to be thinking about is some level of mandatory service to our country, so that everybody in America — not just the poor kids who get sent to war — are serving this country.

May, 2007

Wann

I have been saying for some time that we need to bring our combat troops home from Iraq starting right now.

2007 Take Back America Conference



AFTER

I call on all members of Congress — Republican, Democrat, and Independent — to speak with one voice, and say "no" to a draft.

August, 2007

# POITICIAN EDITOR

#### **BEFORE**

I believe that abortion should be safe and legal in this country.

1994 debate with

MITT ROMNEY

Ted Kennedy

#### BEFORE

To think that we're going to go lock up 12 million people or even round them up and drive them to the border and let them go might make a great political speech but it's not going to happen.

Washington Post, May 2006

#### AFTER

You know, I do support the Republican platform, and I support that being part of the Republican platform and I'm pro-life. Good Morning America, 2007

#### BEFORE

Well, I'm shocked that the President of the United States would pardon him. After all, he never paid a price.

on Mark Rich, 2001

#### AFTER

[I] Propose to provide all illegal immigrants a 120-day window to register with the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services and leave the country.

From bis "Secure America Plan" December 2007

WRITER JEFF KRUSE ARTIST DREW FRIEDMAN

MIKE HUCKABEE

#### RUDOLPH GIULIANI

#### **AFTER**

After evaluating the facts, the President came to a reasonable decision, and I believe the decision was correct.

on Scooter Libby, 2007



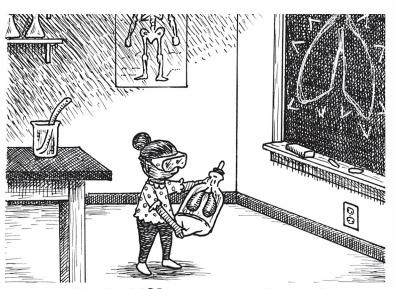
In the classic and twisted ABC book *The Gashlyerumb Tinies*, illustrator Edward Gorey famously killed off 26 children in alphabetical order—one death for each letter. Each unfortunate event was as different as it was gothic—the characters were dispatched by every method imaginable, including bears, trains, and falling statues.

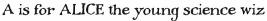
Sadly, times have changed and there's basically one way that most kids seem to die now. With that in mind, we solemnly present...

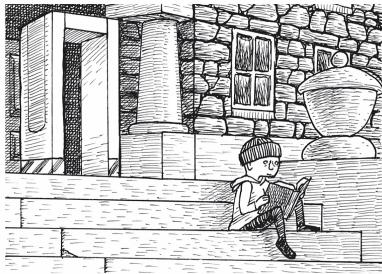
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WRITER MATT COHEN ARTIST MARC PALM



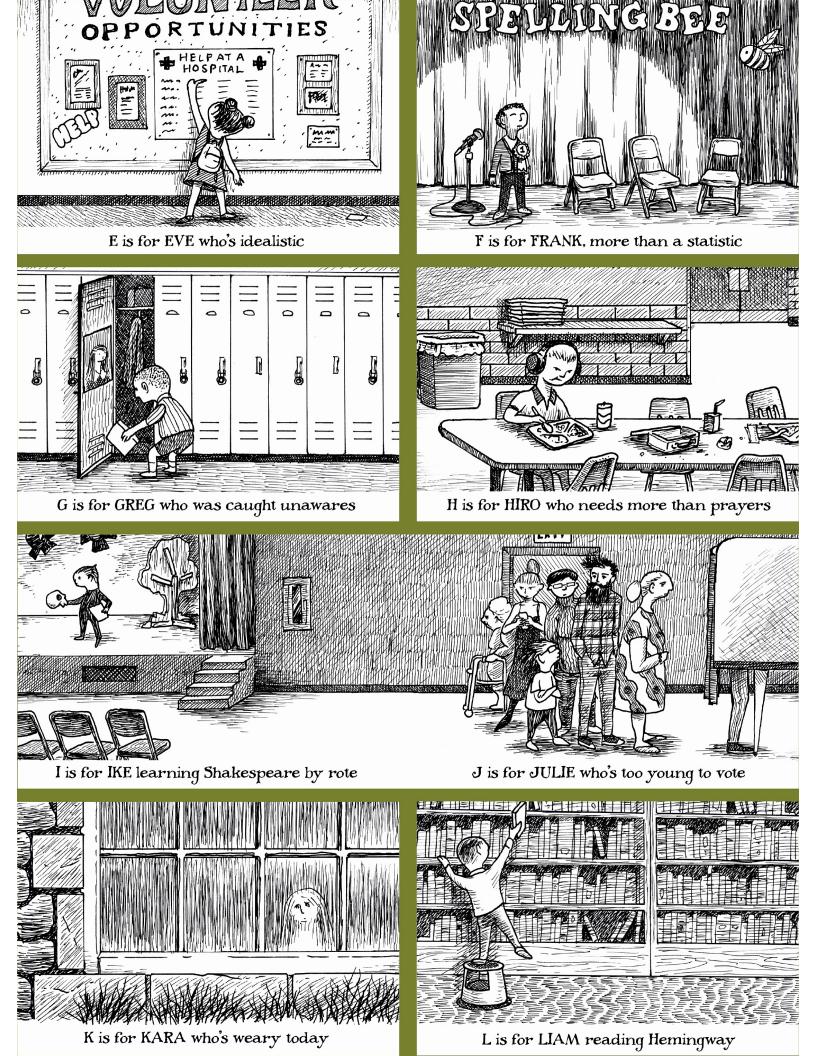


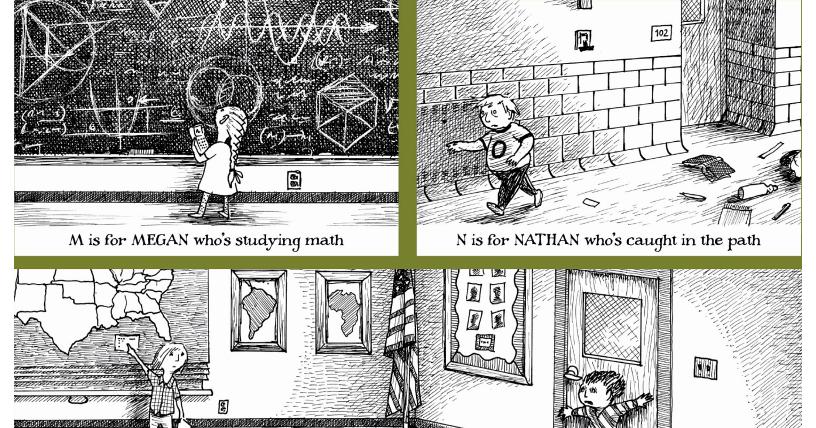




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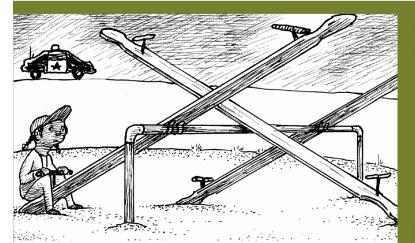




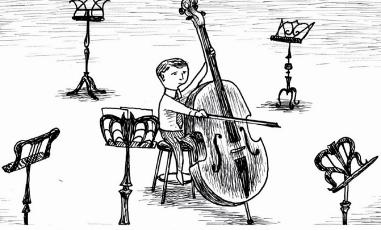


O is for OWEN learning about states

P is for PAULA protecting classmates



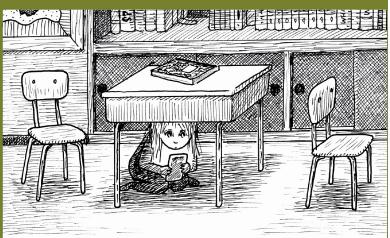
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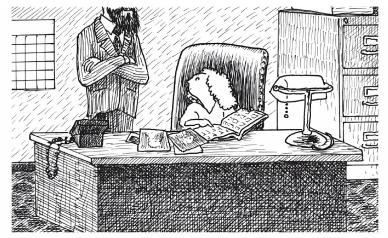
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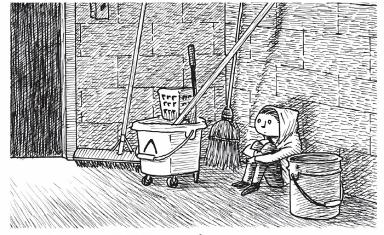
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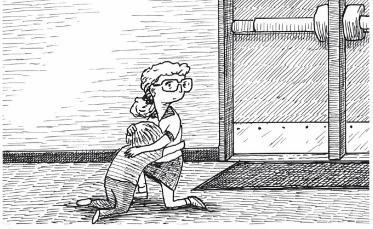
T is for TINA who's texting her mom



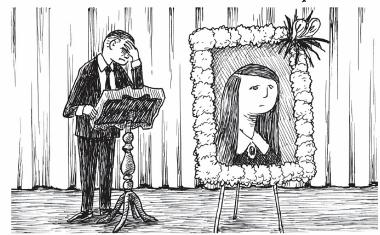
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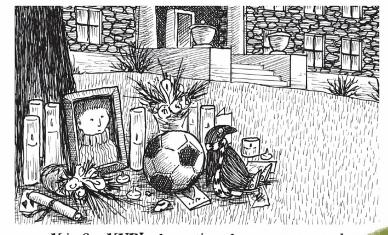
V is for VINCENT who's sheltered in place



W is for WENDY, kind beyond belief



 $\boldsymbol{X}$  is for XENA whose dad's crushed by grief

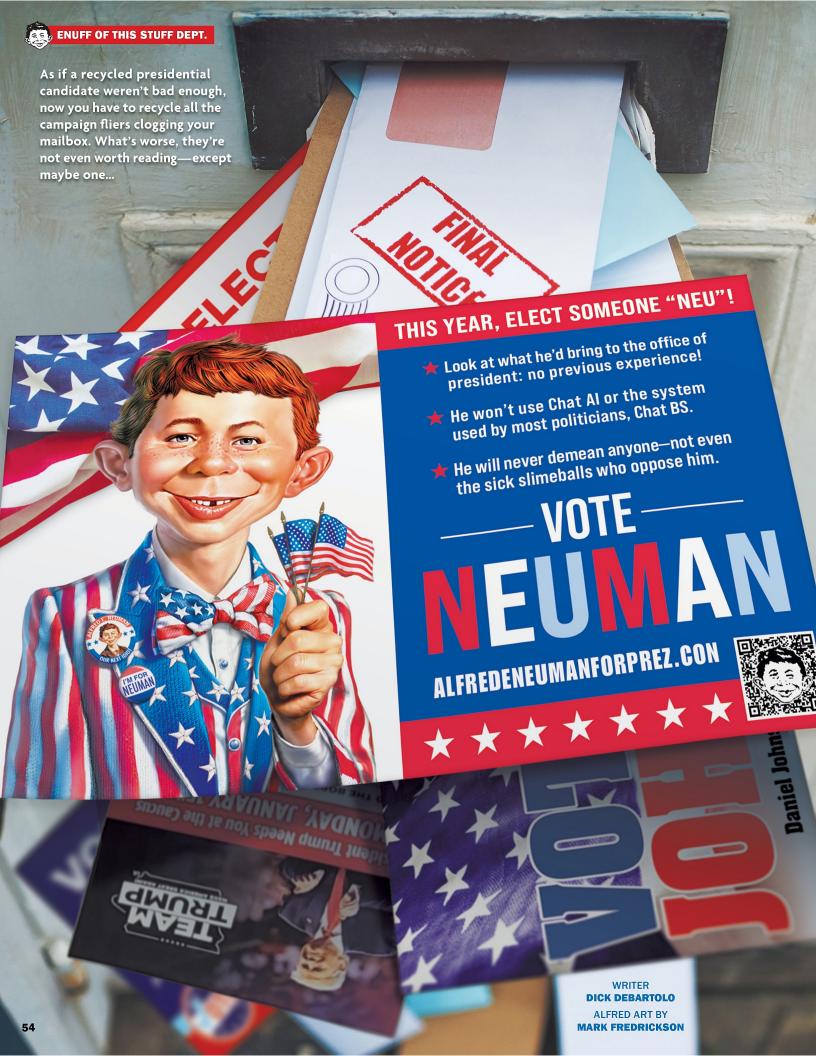


Y is for YURI whose time has now passed



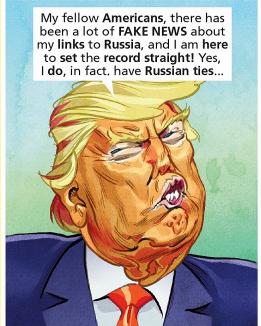


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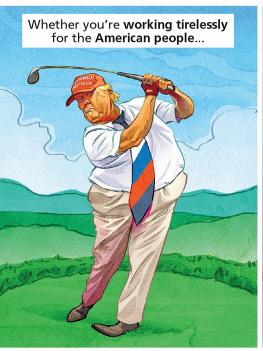
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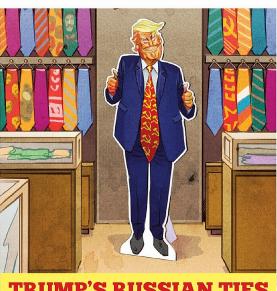












#### TRUMP'S RUSSIAN TIES

Interfering in your wardrobe this season. You'll find a bigly variety at your local Peter the Great-Priced Clothing Superstore today!

#### THE TIMES THEY AREN'T A CHANGIN' DEPT. 🛨







And "Activists"... and "Pacifists"...

And "Minority Groups"... and "Aliens"...

And "Unions"... and "Teenagers"...

And the "Very Rich"... and the "Very Poor"...

And "People With Foreign-Sounding Names".

Now you know what a Super Patriot is.

He's someone who loves his country

While hating 93% of the people who live in it.

WRITERS FRANK JACOBS & STAN HART ARTIST JACK DAVIS

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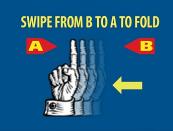
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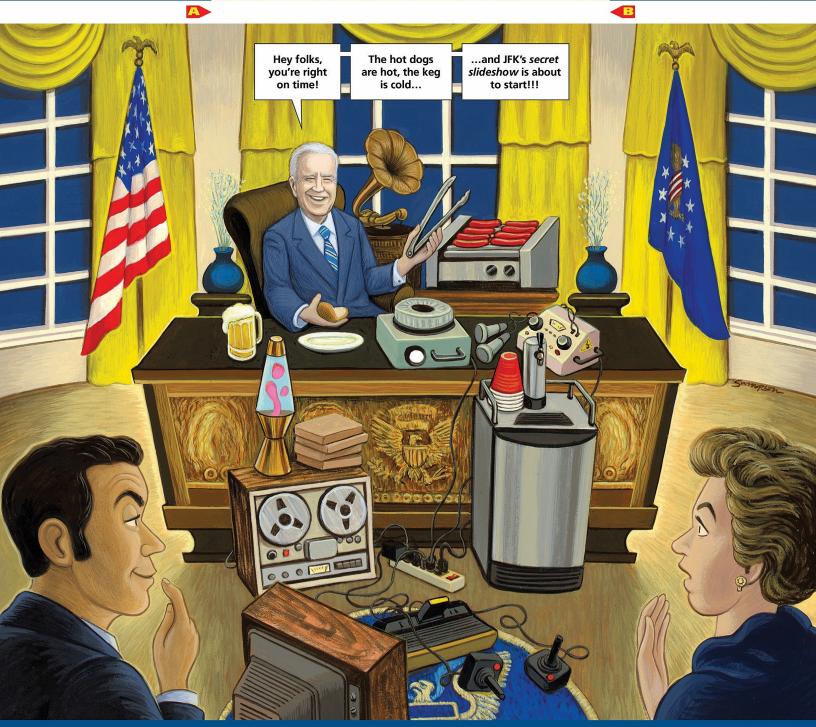
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## NAD FOLD-IN

The primary residence of the Commander-In-Chief is no doubt filled with scores of important historical furnishings. However, despite some claims to the contrary, the president of the United States is also a regular person who uses ordinary appliances just like the rest of us. To see which one is used the most, fold in as shown.

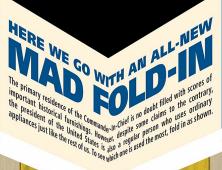


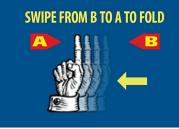


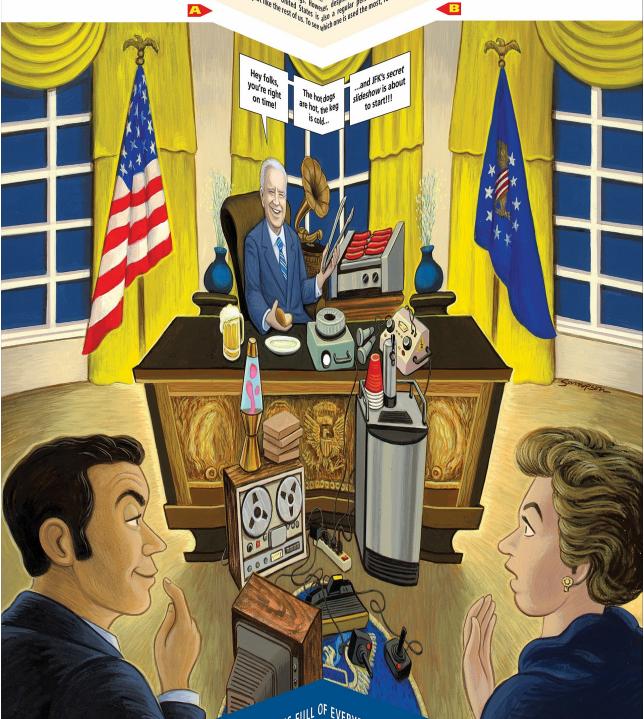
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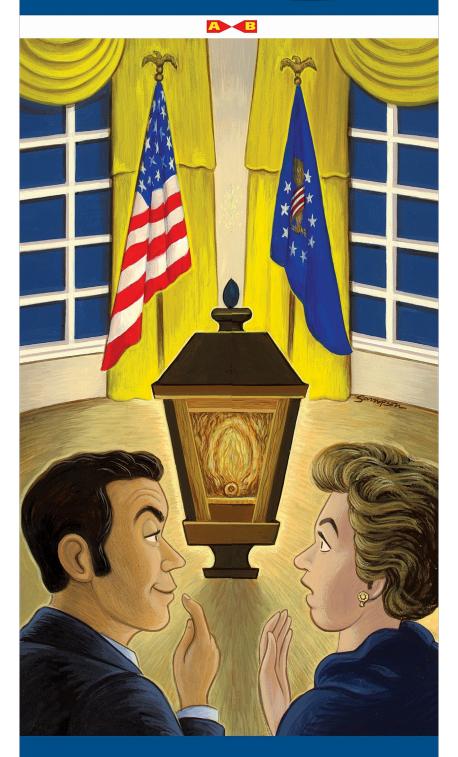
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## ALFRED E. NEUMAN



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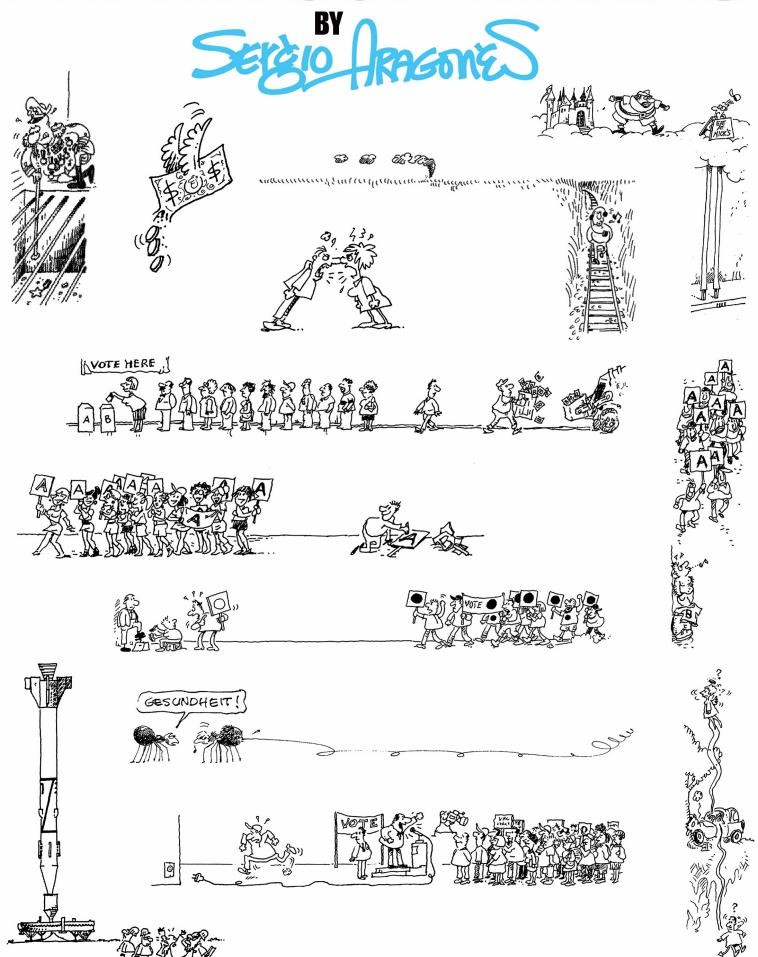
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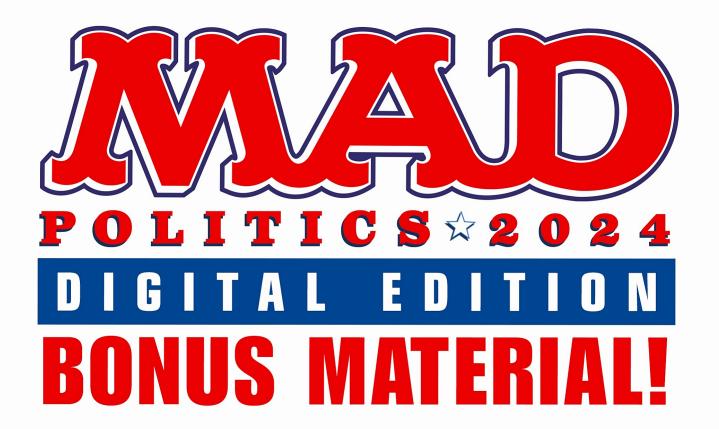
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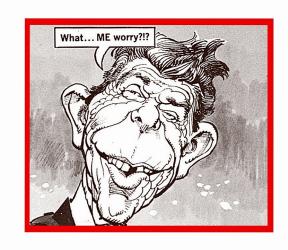


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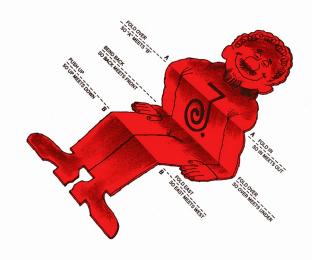




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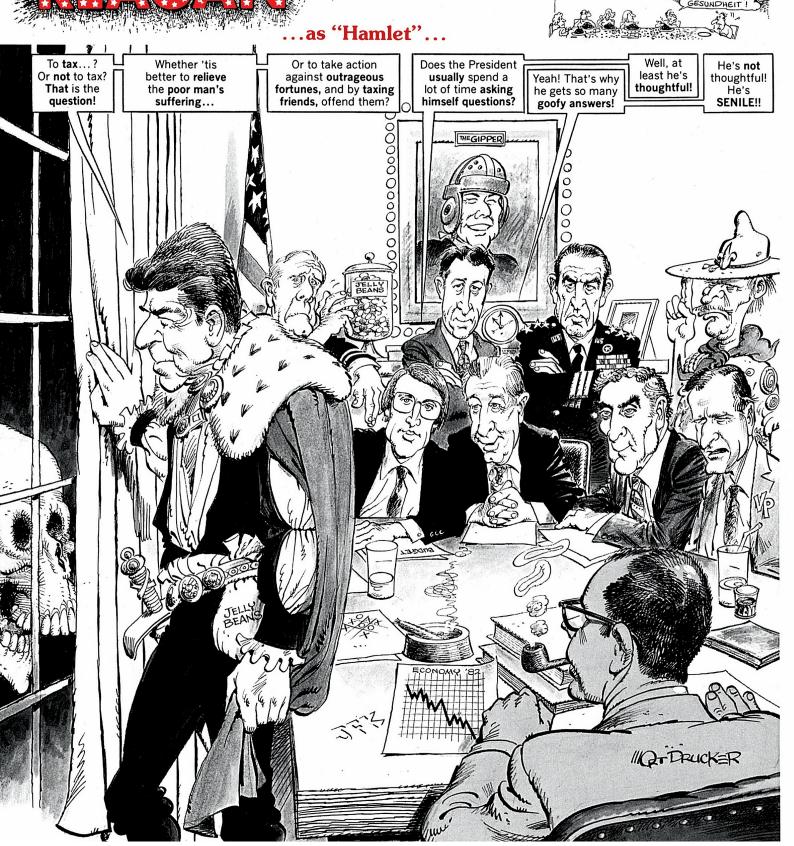
Stop believing in political morals, if you haven't done so already, with a classic Al Jaffee Fold-in from MAD #165, March 1974.



#### CAUGHT IN THE ACTS DEPT.

So you really think that just because Ronald Reagan became President, he gave up at kinda like herpes! And now that he IS President, instead of waiting around for a g In fact, we here at MAD have detected him playing many famous, sought after parts





ting?! Well, shows how much you know!! Because once an actor, always an actor! It's freat role like "Bonzo's Pal" to come along, Ronnie can play any role that he wants. since he took office. Here are just few we've observed...with...

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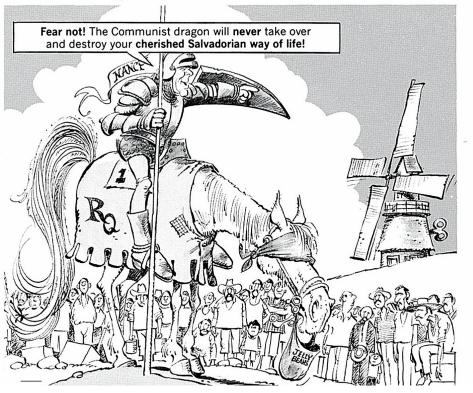
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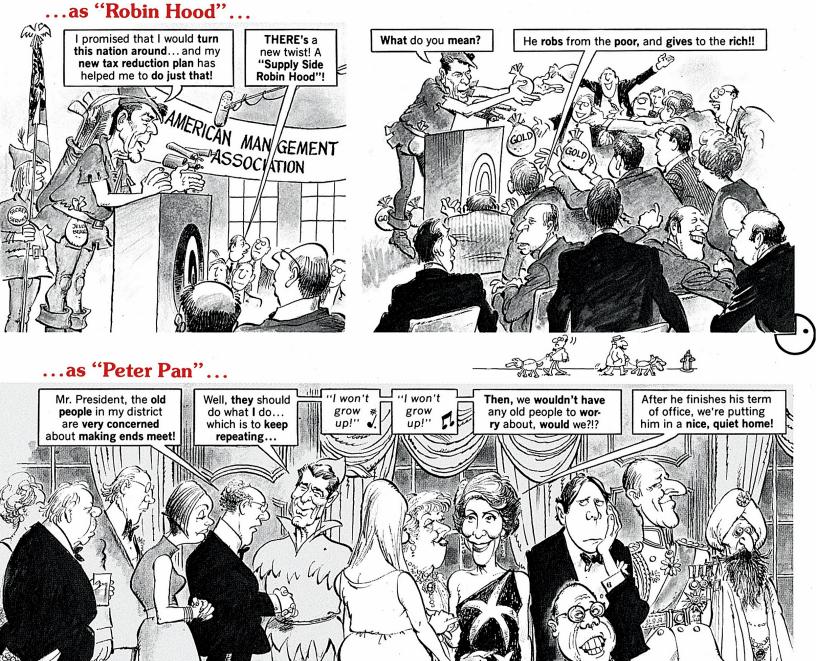




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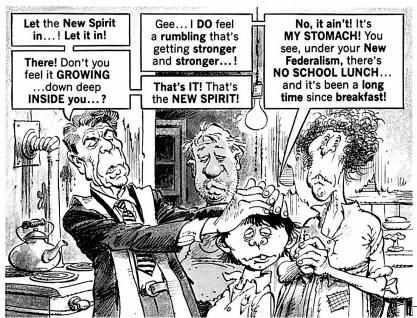


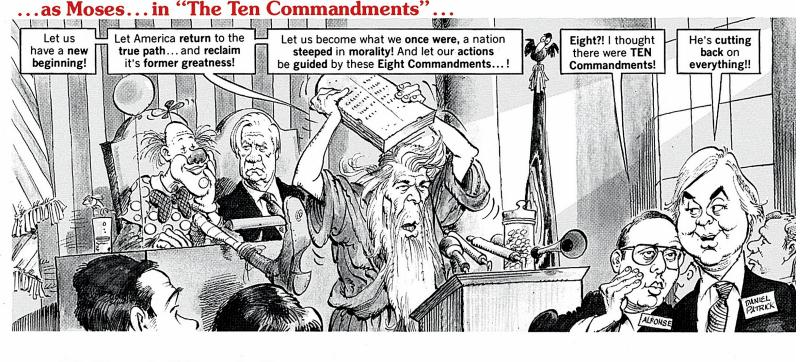






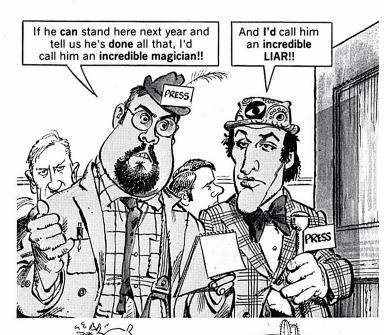






#### ...as Merlin...in "Camelot"...

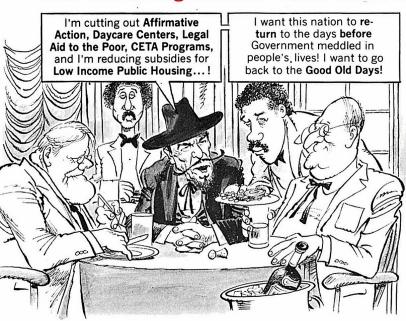


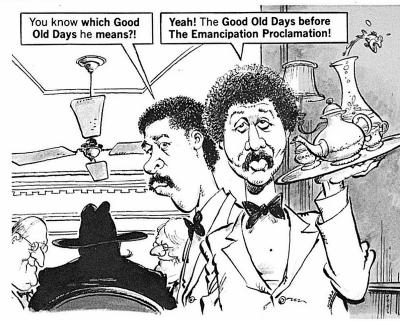


#### ...as Scrooge...in "A Christmas Carol"...



#### ...as Simon Legree...in "Uncle Tom's Cabin"...





#### ...as "Dr. Jekyll And Mr. Hyde"...





#### ...as What's-His-Name in "Apocalypse Now" ...





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#### HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

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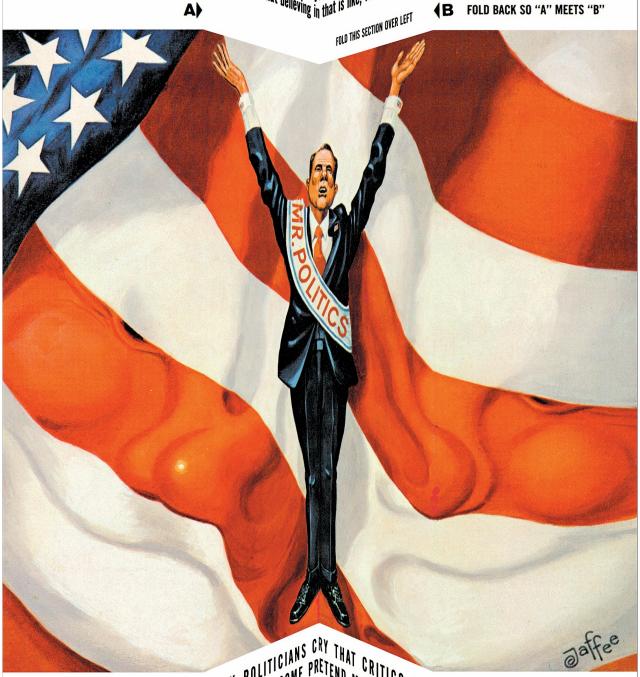
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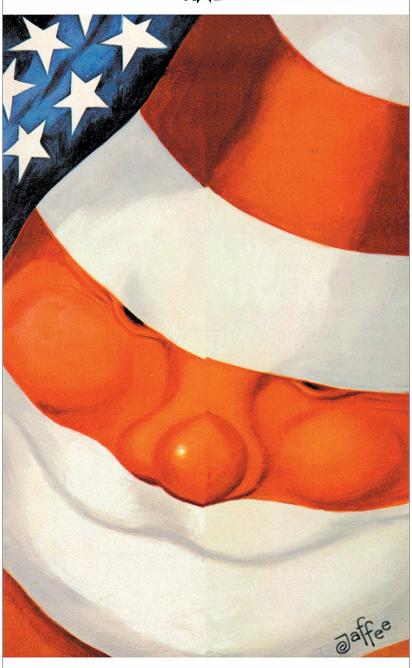
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PLEEBS, GO VOTE!



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